**TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE (TFC)**

**MINUTES (DRAFT)**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jeff Crosby, Chairman; Woody Bowne, Vice-Chair; Fred Mullen, Treasurer; Ron Jarvis, Secretary;

Bryan Comeau, Forester

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None

**PREVIOUS MINUTES:** Accepted as presented.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Accepted as presented

**THE STARK POND GRAVEL PIT:**

Jeff Crosby informed the Committee that he received a letter from the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests (SPNHF) and signed by Stacey Hernandez concerning the Ray Road gravel pit. She is satisfied with the gravel pit mining and gave the committee until 2034 to cease mining operations and until 2035 to complete the reclamation. The Committee found this to be reasonable and a timeline it could comply with. Jeff will sign and mail the letter of agreement to the SPNHF.

**TRANSFER STATION:**

As previously reported by Woody Bowne, the Department of Environmental Services (DES) is requiring the Transfer Station to erect “NO TRESPASSING” signs and fencing where natural barriers do not exist. Woody reported that eight signs have been purchased and that some fencing and signage had been erected.

**FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN:**

Bryan Comeau, the TFC Committee’s licensed forester, presented the Forest Management Plan that he had been hired to prepare. The Forest Management Plan will “provide the Dunbarton Town Forest Committee with critical data, mapping and management recommendations.” Jeff Crosby will leave a copy of the Management Plan in the Dunbarton Town Offices so that it will be available to the public.

**MEETING ADJORNED:** 8:45 PM

**NEXT MEETING:** May 3, 2023, at 7:30 pm at the Dunbarton Fire Station

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**  Ron Jarvis Secretary